

Computer Readable Text of Sanskrit Classics

2014. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any computer readable texts of Sanskrit classics like Mahabharata, Kumar Sambhava, etc. for further study and if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the plan to produce such computer readable Sanskrit texts; and

(c) the names of the institutions likely to be involved for the purpose and how much funding is envisaged to produce such texts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) There are no computer readable texts of Sanskrit classics like Mahabharata, Kumar Sambhava, etc.

(b) There is no proposal at present to produce such computer readable Sanskrit texts.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

T.V. Relay Station at Songhad-Doswada, Surat

2015. SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether T.V. relay station at Songhad-Doswada in District Surat has not been functioning properly;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to make the T.V. relay station function properly?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) The low power (100 W) TV transmitter of Songhad is reported to be functioning normally. However, there have been instances of interruption in the transmission from this transmitter due to failure of power supply. In order to minimise such interruptions a diesel generator has been procured for installation at the Centre.

[*English*]

Coverage of TV and AIR in the Country

2016. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plan to cover the entire country with Radio and T.V. Net Work is going on smoothly according to schedule; if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the areas yet to be covered under this plan and when they are likely to be provided with TV/ Radio facility; and

(c) whether the Government propose to start universal cable TV programme and if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) The plans formulated over the years for expansion of Radio and TV coverage in the country in a phased manner have been, by and large, carried out as per schedule except in some cases where slippage occurred because of financial constraints and other factors. The Radio and TV services are at present available to 85% and 57.7% by area and to 95.7% and 78.7% by population respectively. With the completion of the on going schemes, the Radio and